

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ABINGDON DIVISION**

**CRIMINAL MINUTES - INITIAL APPEARANCE, ARRAIGNMENT,
BOND/DETENTION HEARING/PRELIMINARY EXAM**

Case No.: 2:15CR15

Date: 9/14/15

Defendants:

Wesley Gross; custody
Joshua Hughes; custody
Teresa Richards; custody

Counsel:

Charles Bledsoe; appt
Greg Stewart; appt
Dan Bieger; appt

PRESENT:	JUDGE:	Pamela Meade Sargent	TIME IN COURT: 3:49 – 4:15
	Deputy Clerk:	Ella Surber	
	Court Reporter:	Ella Surber, FTR	
	U. S. Attorney:	Erin Kulpa	
	USPO:	Marcus Riley	
	Case Agent:	Ryan Temm	
	Interpreter:	N/A	

INITIAL APPEARANCE AND BOND HEARING

- ☒ Initial Appearance. Defendant(s) advised of charges, rights and nature of proceedings.
- ☐ Government moves to unseal case. Court grants motion.
- ☒ Defendant requests appointment of counsel. CJA 23 completed; counsel appointed .
- ☐ Bond hearing held.
- ☒ Government does not oppose bond.
- ☐ Defendant(s) not eligible for bond because .
- ☒ Bond set at \$25,000 unsecured.
- ☐ Deft. notified of right to consular notification under the Vienna Convention.

In addition to the standard conditions of release, the following special conditions of release are imposed as to deft Gross:

- (a) The defendant shall avoid contact outside the presence of his/her counsel with any alleged victims or potential witnesses regarding his/her case.
- (b) The defendant shall report as directed by the probation officer, shall follow the direction of the probation officer; shall promptly report any personal status changes to the probation officer: this shall include immediately reporting any contact by law enforcement officers regarding a criminal investigation or any additional criminal charges placed against the defendant. The defendant shall continue to reside at his/her current residence, and shall not change residences without the permission of the probation officer.
- (c) The defendant shall abstain from the use or possession of alcohol or any use or possession of any controlled substances unless prescribed by a licensed treating physician for a legitimate medical purpose.
- (d) The defendant shall not possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon and shall reside in a residence free of such.
- (e) The defendant shall submit to random routine drug and or alcohol testing; evaluation and/or treatment as directed by the probation officer. Shall submit to random routine pill counts
- (f) The defendant shall not travel outside the Western District of Virginia without first obtaining permission from the probation officer.
- (g) The defendant shall submit to warrantless search and seizure of his/her person and property as directed by the probation officer for the purpose of determine if he/she is in compliance with his/her conditions of pretrial release.
- (h) If not on disability, the defendant shall actively seek and/or maintain employment.
- (i) The defendant shall not associate with any known users/possessors of illegal controlled substances and shall not be present in any location where illegal controlled substances are being used and/or distributed, unless approved by the supervising officer in cooperation with law enforcement officers.
- (j) The defendant shall restrain any animals on the premises of his/her residence in a way so as to not interfere with the probation officer's access to the defendant's residence and to ensure the officer's safety.

- (k) The defendant shall abide by all outstanding state court orders and conditions of bond
- (l) The defendant shall allow open communication between the probation officer and any treating physicians or facilities for the purpose of monitoring compliance with conditions; and shall reveal all prescription medications to the probation officer and shall identify one primary pharmacy and treating physician.
- (m) The defendant shall reveal to the state court probation officer and the department of social services current federal charges.
- (n) The defendant shall submit to mental health evaluation and/or treatment as directed by the probation officer.

In addition to the standard conditions of release, the following special conditions of release are imposed as to deft Hughes:

- (a) The defendant shall avoid contact outside the presence of his/her counsel with any alleged victims or potential witnesses regarding his/her case.
- (b) The defendant shall report as directed by the probation officer, shall follow the direction of the probation officer; shall promptly report any personal status changes to the probation officer: this shall include immediately reporting any contact by law enforcement officers regarding a criminal investigation or any additional criminal charges placed against the defendant. The defendant shall continue to reside at his/her current residence, and shall not change residences without the permission of the probation officer.
- (c) The defendant shall abstain from the use or possession of alcohol or any use or possession of any controlled substances unless prescribed by a licensed treating physician for a legitimate medical purpose.
- (d) The defendant shall not possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon and shall reside in a residence free of such.
- (e) The defendant shall submit to random routine drug and or alcohol testing; evaluation and/or treatment as directed by the probation officer. Shall submit to random routine pill counts
- (f) The defendant shall not travel outside the Western District of Virginia without first obtaining permission from the probation officer.
- (g) The defendant shall submit to warrantless search and seizure of his/her person and property as directed by the probation officer for the purpose of determine if he/she is in compliance with his/her conditions of pretrial release.
- (h) If not on disability, the defendant shall actively seek and/or maintain employment.
- (i) The defendant shall not associate with any known users/possessors of illegal controlled substances and shall not be present in any location where illegal controlled substances are being used and/or distributed, unless approved by the supervising officer in cooperation with law enforcement officers.
- (j) The defendant shall restrain any animals on the premises of his/her residence in a way so as to not interfere with the probation officer's access to the defendant's residence and to ensure the officer's safety.
- (k) The defendant shall abide by all outstanding state court orders and conditions of bond
- (l) The defendant shall allow open communication between the probation officer and any treating physicians or facilities for the purpose of monitoring compliance with conditions; and shall reveal all prescription medications to the probation officer and shall identify one primary pharmacy and treating physician
- (m) The defendant shall reveal to the state court probation officer current federal charges.
- (n) The defendant shall submit to mental health evaluation and/or treatment as directed by the probation officer.

In addition to the standard conditions of release, the following special conditions of release are imposed as to deft Richards:

- (a) The defendant shall avoid contact outside the presence of his/her counsel with any alleged victims or potential witnesses regarding his/her case.
- (b) The defendant shall report as directed by the probation officer, shall follow the direction of the probation officer; shall promptly report any personal status changes to the probation officer: this shall include immediately reporting any contact by law enforcement officers regarding a criminal investigation or any additional criminal charges placed against the defendant. The defendant shall continue to reside at his/her current residence, and shall not change residences without the permission of the probation officer.
- (c) The defendant shall abstain from the use or possession of alcohol or any use or possession of any controlled substances unless prescribed by a licensed treating physician for a legitimate medical purpose.
- (d) The defendant shall not possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon and shall reside in a residence free of such.
- (e) The defendant shall submit to random routine drug and or alcohol testing; evaluation and/or treatment as directed by the probation officer. Shall submit to random routine pill counts

- (f) The defendant shall not travel outside the Western District of Virginia without first obtaining permission from the probation officer.
- (g) The defendant shall submit to warrantless search and seizure of his/her person and property as directed by the probation officer for the purpose of determine if he/she is in compliance with his/her conditions of pretrial release.
- (h) If not on disability, the defendant shall actively seek and/or maintain employment.
- (i) The defendant shall not associate with any known users/possessors of illegal controlled substances and shall not be present in any location where illegal controlled substances are being used and/or distributed, unless approved by the supervising officer in cooperation with law enforcement officers.
- (j) The defendant shall restrain any animals on the premises of his/her residence in a way so as to not interfere with the probation officer's access to the defendant's residence and to ensure the officer's safety.
- (k) The defendant shall abide by all outstanding state court orders and conditions of bond
- (l) The defendant shall allow open communication between the probation officer and any treating physicians or facilities for the purpose of monitoring compliance with conditions; and shall reveal all prescription medications to the probation officer and shall identify one primary pharmacy and treating physician.
- (m) The defendant shall reveal to the state court probation officer current federal charges.
- (n) The defendant shall submit to mental health evaluation and/or treatment as directed by the probation officer.

ARRAIGNMENT

- ☒ Defendant(s) waives reading of Indictment/Information.
 ☐ Indictment/Information read.
☒ Defendant(s) is arraigned and specifically advised of rights (Rule 11 F.R.C.P).

DEFENDANT(S) PLEADS:

DEF. #	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY	NOLO	REMARKS
1		Counts 1,15		
2		Counts 1, 16		
3		Counts 1, 2		
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- ☐ Jury trial set for .
☐ Pretrial conference set for .
☒ Trial to be set by Clerk upon arrest of all defendants.
☐ Defendant(s) remanded to custody.
☒ Defendant(s) released on bond.

Additional Information: